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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 544
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Coach Phil Clark and the Germantown High School Baseball Team on winning the 2001 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is very proud of our great athletic teams, those that work hard to be successful; and

WHEREAS, The exciting Germantown baseball team, who recently won the coveted 2001 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Championship is clearly one such memorable team; and

WHEREAS, Germantown won their Regional Tournament by beating Fairley in the semifinals and Houston 4-3 in the finals to advance to their Sectional; and

WHEREAS, In the Sectional Tournament, the Red Hot Red Devils defeated LaVergne; and

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WHEREAS, In the first round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament, Germantown easily bested LaVergne 7-0, and in semifinal action, the powerful Red Devil bats produced a 9-4 victory over Knoxville Farragut; and

WHEREAS, Germantown had to stage a dramatic comeback in the finals, beating Farragut 9-7 to add the State Championship laurel to their trophy case; and

WHEREAS, Despite a rugged schedule, the Red Devils finished the season with a marvelous 30-10 overall record; and

WHEREAS, This was the fourth state title won by the greatly admired Coach Phil Clark and his second state championship at Germantown; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Coaches Joey Nesbit, Jeff Munier, Dave Locke, and Dave Laramie and Manager Jeff Hawks were also of valuable assistance; and

WHEREAS, Members of the team who made the prestigious All-State Tournament team included: Junior Outfielder, Joseph Hunter, who was named Most Valuable Player; Junior Pitcher, Mark Holliman; Junior Infielder, Kyle Norrid; Junior Infielder, Mark Wright and Junior Outfielder, Jeff Kasser; and

WHEREAS, The additional players included: Seniors, Pitcher Ryan Farmer and Pitcher Jonathan Newsom; Juniors, Infielder John Brower, Infielder Michael Flexsenhar, Pitcher/Infielder Tyler Darby, Infielder Patrick Hope, Catcher Hunter Tubbs, Catcher Matt McGraner, Outfielder Ben Garrett, Pitcher Nick Gibson, Infielder Billy Henley, Pitcher Andrew Howarth, and Outfielder Robert Brower; and Sophomores, Pitcher Matt Zakrzewski, Infielder Chris Matesich and Infielder Alex Kliman; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize a team that is a source of tremendous pride to Tennessee, the Germantown community and their school; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Phil Clark and the Germantown High School baseball team on winning the 2001 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.